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City of Barrie

Final

Community Safety Committee

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 | **5:00 PM** | **Council Chambers/Virtual Meeting**

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by General Committee on August 16, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, S. Morales at 5:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 4 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, S. Morales
Councillor, A. Courser

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, C. Riepma
Councillor, C. Nixon
Councillor, A.M. Kungl
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris
Councillor, B. Hamilton.

STAFF:
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

The Community Safety Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION BY TANNIS MCCARTHY REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO INITIATE AN ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM IN BARRIE AND TO DEFINE THE PROGRAM, SHARE RESEARCH, DISCUSS DETERRENTS AND OUTLINE BENEFITS

Tannis McCarthy provided an open delegation concerning a proposal to initiate an Adult School Crossing Guard Program (ASCG) in Barrie. Ms. McCarthy stated that because of safety concerns for her children, she initiated a petition for an Adult School Crossing Program which has garnered over one thousand signatures.

Ms. McCarthy discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The safety concerns raised by residents in the community after canvasing in the City in 2023;
- Statistics associated with elementary road safety by a national charity named Parachute dedicated to injury prevention, and pedestrian and bicycle-related injuries;
- The rationale for student safety patrols versus adult school crossing guards;
- The benefits of an adult school crossing guard program in the City;
- An overview of a study conducted by Green Community Canada on behalf of the Ontario Traffic Council entitled “Creating Safe Routes for Active School Transportation Guide”;
- A chart illustrating comparable municipalities with populations greater than 100,000 associated with the 2022 property taxes for detached homes;
- The previous deterrents by the City for not offering an adult school crossing guards program including, high employee turnover, liability, difficulty measuring success, and cost;
- An outline of a study published in 2022 by the International Journal of Environment Research and Public Health associated with municipal crossing guard programs;
- The responsibilities of an ASCG program;
- The ASCG program’s alignment with the City’s Strategic Priorities; and
- A summary of the program and the request that the City integrates an Adult School Crossing Program.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. McCarthy and City staff and received responses.

The Community Safety Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD PROGRAM

1. That staff investigate the feasibility of implementing an Adult School Crossing Guard Program for the City of Barrie including costs and staffing requirements, and report back to General Committee.

2. That staff be directed to reach out to the Simcoe County School Boards as part of the process concerning assistance and/or partnerships.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/16/2023.

INVESTIGATION FOR NO PARKING ANYTIME - CITYVIEW CIRCLE (WARD 6)

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of implementing “No Parking Anytime" on Cityview Circle and report back to General Committee. (Sponsor: Councillor, N. Nigussie) (Item for Discussion 8.1, June 21, 2023)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/16/2023.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE INSTALLATION OF A CONTROLLED CROSSWALK ON BALDWIN LANE AT MARSHALL STREET (WARD 8)

That staff in the Development Services Department be directed to review the installation of a controlled crosswalk on Baldwin Lane at Marshall Street and report back to General Committee. (Sponsor: Councillor, J. Harris) (Item for Discussion 8.2, June 21, 2023)

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 8/16/2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

CHAIRMAN